

General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 458

February Session, 2022



AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INCARCERATED.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 18-81p of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 3 The Commissioner of Correction, in consultation with the
- 4 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Judicial
- 5 Department, shall annually review, evaluate and make
- 6 recommendations concerning [substance abuse detoxification and
- 7 treatment programs for drug-dependent pretrial and sentenced inmates
- 8 of correctional facilities and (1) substance use disorder screening,
- 9 diagnostic and treatment services that are available to individuals who
- are incarcerated during the entirety of any period of incarceration; (2)
- 11 mental health screening, diagnostic and treatment services that are
- 12 available to individuals who are incarcerated during the entirety of any
- 13 period of incarceration; and (3) the reintegration of such [inmates]
- 14 <u>individuals</u> into the community. [The commissioner shall examine
- 15 various options for the detoxification and treatment of drug-dependent
- 16 inmates including, but not limited to, methadone maintenance
- 17 treatment and other therapies or treatments, and the reintegration of

18 drug-dependent inmates into the community upon their release from 19 incarceration, including the transfer of inmates to community-based 20 methadone or other therapy or treatment programs. The commissioner 21 shall report his findings and recommendations and submit a proposal 22 for detoxification, treatment and reintegration programs including, if 23 appropriate, the establishment of one or more pilot programs for 24 methadone maintenance or other therapy or treatment for drug-25 dependent inmates to the General Assembly not later than February 1, 26 1998.] On or before January 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the 27 Commissioner of Correction shall report on such review, in accordance 28 with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of 29 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the 30 judiciary, public health and appropriations and the budgets of state 31 agencies.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	from passage	18-81p

JUD Joint Favorable Subst.